



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message



We have had a great start to the 2016-2017 school year!

The first couple of weeks of school have been amazing! Walking around the playground, our classrooms, and our lunchrooms, I am most impressed with our students and with all of our staff. The teaching and support staff are a very dedicated, caring group who are sincerely interested in the success, achievement and well-being of our students. Once again, we would like to thank everyone who was able to come to our "Meet the Teacher Night" and who supported our pizza fundraiser that evening.

Parent-school relationships are also very important to us and we want to make sure that you are always aware of what is happening at our school. Our teachers recognize the need for your support and try to communicate your child's progress in a variety of ways. Whether through the Timberbank agenda, classroom websites, newsletters, twitter accounts, calendars on our own Timberbank wiki, we hope that you can remain connected to your child's learning. We all play an important role in your child's life.

October promises to be a month filled with many exciting activities at Timberbank. Our extra-curricular clubs and activities such as Kilometre Club, Cross-Country, Library Helpers, Ambassadors, Boys Volleyball, Girls Club, Boys Club and EcoTeam are well underway. Our students continue to be involved in many school initiatives that focus on keeping our school and learning environment safe and caring while remembering what it means to keep "On T.R.A.C.K.".

We look forward to a year filled with many new learning experiences for all!

Mrs. Anna Epitropou

Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 10 Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 12, 14 Dental Screening
- Oct. 11 Gr4-6 students attend YODANCE trip
- Oct. 12 Gr 1 & Gr 1/2 classes visit "Round the Bend" Farm
- Oct. 13 Cross Country Meet @ Thomson Park
- Oct. 13 Trustee Manna Wong's Ward 20 Mtg @ David Lewis PS, 6:30pm
- Oct. 17 International Girl Day Celebration - YWM
- Oct. 18 Picture Day / Band Picture Day
- Oct. 19 Individual Education Plans go home
- Oct. 20 East Conference Cross Country Finals
- Oct. 27 Movie Night for students from 3:30pm to 5:30 pm
- Oct. 31 Hallowe'en (Parade in the afternoon)
- Nov. 7 School Council Meeting in the Library @ 6:30pm



Parent School Council!

Parental involvement is an important part of the success of our students. We truly value your commitment to the education of your children and our school. Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings to hear about what is happening at our school.

Our Parent School Council met on Monday, October 3rd for the first time this year. It was great to see some new parents at our meeting and hope we can get more parents involved through School Council.

Congratulations to the following who have been elected to represent our parent community:

Co-Chairs: Jeya Balamanokaran & Tilley Creary

Treasurer: Lynn Greenwood

Secretary: Nermaladevi Mahadevan

Community Rep: Marilyn Trenbeth

A huge thank you to Lisa Ferguson and Mike Petkovski for their hard work as our past co-chairs. We know that they will continue to support our school!

Our next meeting is on:

Monday, November 7th at 6:30pm in our library. Please mark your calendars!

School Council has once again received a Parent Outreach Grant for this year. They will be planning parent and student workshops.

Details to follow...stay tuned!

Our newsletter and school updates go electronic! Thanks for sending in your School Council forms and agreeing to receive information and forms by email. As part of our EcoSchools commitment, we will continue to email information and our newsletter to our parent community.

**RYAN'S LAW: ENSURING ASTHMA-FRIENDLY SCHOOLS**

Ryan's Law, 2015 (Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools) supports the safety and well-being of students with asthma and requires that:

Every school principal shall permit a pupil to carry his or her asthma medication if the pupil has his or her parent's or guardian's permission.



An *Asthma Management Plan* is being developed and will be provided to all schools that will outline further roles and responsibilities to implement all the requirements under the legislation, including identifying students with asthma, developing an individual asthma management plan for each student diagnosed with asthma, as well as asthma education and training.

SABRINA'S LAW: PEANUT SAFE

Sabrina's Law requires every school establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts and/or peanut products. For more information feel free to visit:

<http://www.anaphylaxis.org/>

**ORANGE SHIRT DAY - September 30th, 2016**

Why were we wearing Orange Shirts on Sept. 30th?

We learned that all children matter and that for many years Aboriginal children had awful experiences in residential schools.

- Ms. Boulos's class



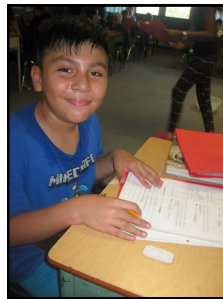
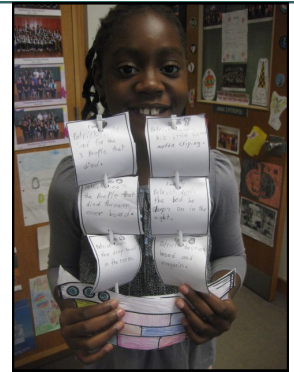
Terry Fox Run & Hat Day

On September 30th, our students ran our annual Terry Fox run in the afternoon and our first School Spirit Day: Hat Day! The weather was great and this year, our Cross Country Team led the way through the ravine and around our school field. Students were asked to donate a "Twoonie for Terry".

We know how much it meant to Terry Fox and his family to have his dream continue. At Timberbank, we want to see his dream continue. Thanks to everyone who contributed so that some day we may find a cure to cancer!



Working Hard at School & Having Fun!



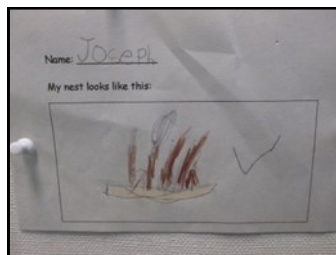
Nest Making

By: The Kindergarten Students

The Kindergarten students were interested in creating nests using natural found materials while enjoying their outdoor exploration time. Some made nests from grass clippings, leaves, and twigs. Others made nests from sand and pinecones. We decided to bring some of those materials inside to explore nest building further at our Discovery Centre. We read books about nests and looked at pictures of different animal nests. Then they were ready to investigate the question: How can you build a nest? They used twigs, cotton, pinecones, string, and playdough. Many students used the nest books as models to base their nests on. Here are some of the Kindergarten creations!



"I made it look like the book. See the flowers are the pinecones."



"It's so spikey so other animals can't get in!"



Reminders:



Reminder!

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the cross-walk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be SAFE!!!
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12:25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.



Student Absences: Safe Arrival Program

416-396-6860, press 1



Please call the school at 416-396-6860 and use the 24 hour voicemail system to report your child's absence or late arrival. If a call is not received, the automated call-out system will contact the parents. Please listen carefully and confirm the reason for the absence. Up-to-date emergency phone numbers for parents at home and work must be provided to the school. In the evening, the system calls all students who have arrived late that day.

All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter in keeping our students safe.

International Languages Program

Timberbank is pleased to work in collaboration with the Continuing Education Department of the TDSB. This partnership offers language classes at our school. It is great that our students have the opportunity to learn a new language or perhaps further enhance and sustain their first language.

Languages offered: Mandarin & Tamil

When: Wednesdays, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

For more information, please visit the office.

Soo Wong, MPP Scarborough - Agincourt Reading Circle

Every Saturday from October 15, 2016 to May 13, 2017
Bridlewood Library, 2900 Warden Avenue

1:30pm-3:00pm

For more information: 416-297-6568 or
email swong.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org



Thomas Kern Attends Canadian Championship

This article is a summary about my experience at the 2016 Canadian Optimist Championship. Before we start, the Optimist dinghy (or "Opti") is a little sailboat that looks like a bathtub with a sail and is raced worldwide. With about 115 sailors competing this year, the Optimist Canadian Championship is one of the most important regattas (sailboat races) for the Optimist Class. Below is a summary of the six days of racing at the regatta. The event took place Friday, August 19 to Wednesday, August 24.

Day One: Opening Ceremonies & Practice Race

Day One was the start of the Canadians. Sailors from all over the country were arriving today. Along with sailors from across the country, there were sailors from the United States, England, and Germany. In the afternoon, we had the practice race. On the water, we spent most of the time waiting for the wind to get stronger and 40-minutes later, they began the start sequence. After that, we started racing. Many of the kids did not finish because of a "superstition" about practice races and I placed first (probably because nobody else finished). We then sailed back in and started the opening ceremonies. The opening ceremonies consisted of a small parade including all of the sailors participating in the Canadians. There were also two people who came to perform an Aboriginal dance. After the opening ceremonies, all of the kids and their coaches got into their coach boats and motored far out into the lake to see the William Lyon Mackenzie, a fireboat operated by Toronto Fire Services (the fireboat is a tugboat with water hoses to fight fires on the water). The fireboat was supposed travel all the way to shore for the ceremonies, but got an emergency call and had to turn around.

Day Two: Racing

This day had some good wind, but it was very very very VERY HOT! I'm pretty sure I almost got heatstroke. There were four races that day, I placed 4th, 4th, 5th, and 6th out of the 17 boats in my fleet. On the fourth race, the wind went from 12 kph to (maybe) 1.5 kph.

Day Three: Racing

This day was the windiest day at the regatta, it was much cooler that day and I had to wear my splash top (rain jacket) to protect me from the wind, waves, and spray of the lake. The wind that day was 40 kph gusting 50 kph. I placed 4th and 3rd place out of four boats (most kids went in early because they were freaked-out by the high winds).

Day Four: Lay-Day

Today was a rest day for my fleet.

Day Five: Racing

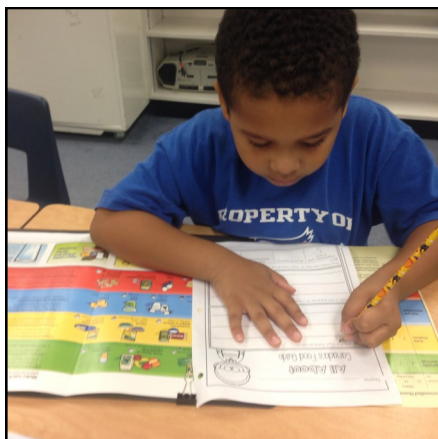
This was another windy day (but not as windy as Day Two). It was light wind in the morning, but it picked up as the day went on. Some kids were still freaked-out by the wind. The wind that day was 20 kph, then it picked up to 30 kph. I placed 5th, 5th, and 4th in three races and out of a fleet of 13 boats.

Day Six: Racing and Awards

This day was the last day of racing. The wind this day was very light, less than 10 kph. In the first race, while doing a roll tack (using body weight to the turn the boat) I fell out of my boat. I placed 17th, 6th, and 5th out of three races in a fleet of 17 boats. The awards also took place and race organizers had an ice cream truck in the parking lot, with FREE ICE CREAM! The yacht club that was hosting the regatta paid for all the ice cream. After ice cream, the race committee started to hand out awards. Unfortunately, I didn't get an award for placing in the top three, but I did get a participation medal. My family and I had so much fun, we plan to attend the 2017 Optimist Canadian Championship in Nova Scotia.

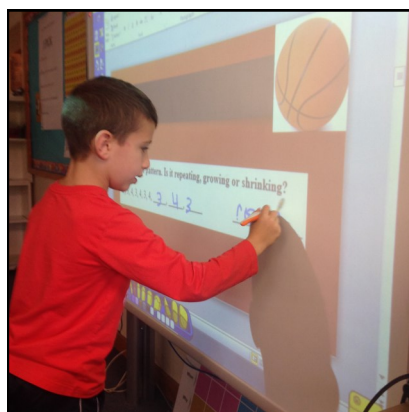


Grade 1/2 Class in ACTION

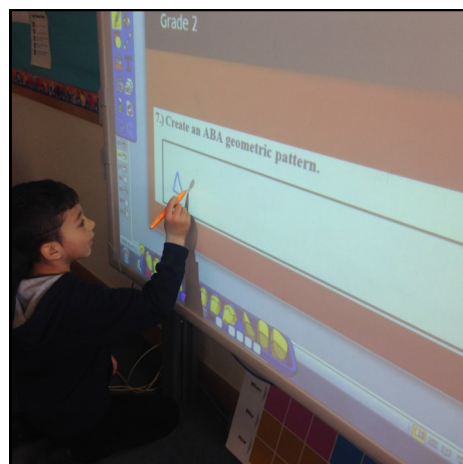


Isaac learning about why we have Canada's Food Guide (To help people make healthy choices) and how many servings of fruit/vegetables, grain products, milk and alternatives and meat and alternatives a child his age should have each day.

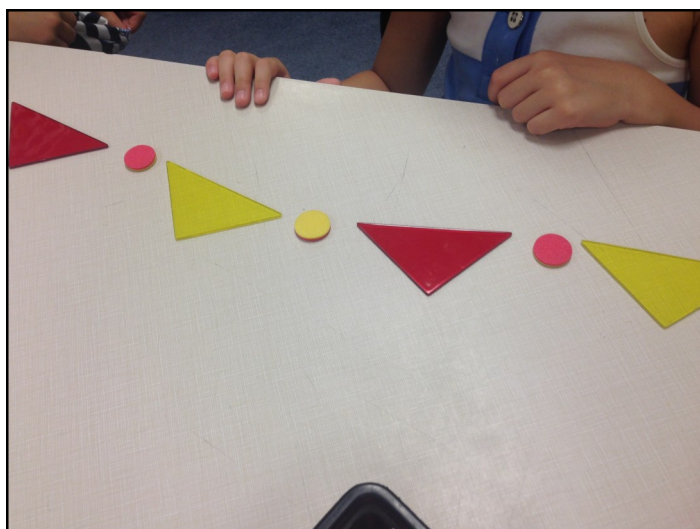
LEARNING
IS
FUN



Matthew answering a question during our review of patterning in a game of "math basketball"



Molham creating an ABA geometric pattern on the Promethean Board.



A student created an ABCD pattern using manipulatives.



Katie creating a pattern on the Hundreds Chart on the Promethean Board.

Staying "On T.R.A.C.K."

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay on track. This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Our staff and students focus on character development, highlighting the positive contributions and actions of all members of the Timberbank School Community. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their "TEAMWORK & TRUST" at our "On TRACK" assembly on Dec. 4th:

Mr. O'Connor's class – Aksaya, Anjana, Enya & Vikasha

Mrs. Corrieri's class – Arjun, Daniel, Mekkei, Michelle, Miki & Riaz

Ms Persaud's class – Cici, Emily, Lukas, Tyler, Vaishnav & Zachary

Mr. Rands's /Mr. Mirshahi's class – Ankit, Andrew, Harriny & Letisha

Ms Boulos's class – Alysha, Derek, Katerina, Kobe & Naiya

Miss Fotopoulos's class – Glory, Noble, Vicky & Yasmin

Mrs. Stathis's class – Alexis & Daniel

Mrs. Montgomery's / Mrs. Shaikh's class – Alex, Eddison, Macy, Nathan & Sofia

Mrs. Jeung's /Mrs. Kerr's class – Evangelia, Jessie, Johnny & Raaeka

Ms Oommen's class - Luxshan & Marlene



Jays Care Community Clubhouse



A huge thanks to Mr. Kelly and Equal Opportunity Community Initiative who offered this amazing opportunity to us! We had such a great time in the "Jays Care Community Clubhouse". There was a lot of food, drinks, popcorn and we even got to see ourselves on the big Jumbotron. Even ACE the mascot visited us. It was too bad the Jays lost, but we sure had fun!! We hope they do well in the playoffs!

Go Jays Go!!

Timberbank Students

